सतर्कता दलों द्वारा अचानक जांच की जाती है तथा आरक्षण कर्मचारियों की गतिविधियों पर निगरानी रखी जाती है हस्तांतारित टिकटों पर यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों का पता लगाने के लिए गाड़ियों में भी जांच की जाती है ।

(ङ) और (च) जी नहीं, बहरहाल 1-7-1991 से सप्ताह में तीन दिन चलने वाली गाड़ी अर्थात् 2953/2954 ए० सी० एक्सप्रेस चलाई गई है ।

Conversion of MG lines beyond Madurai

630. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to convert the MG line beyond Madurai, towards south in the Southern Railway into BG line;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the conversion of MG lines from Madurai is likely to lead to untoward sufferings to the passengers travelling in lots from Madras, Trichy and Dindigul to the places South of Madurai;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are demands for retention also for existing line alongwith the proposed conversion of MG lines between Madurai and Maniachchi; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The BG line is being provided to expedite economic development of Southern Tamil Nadu at the strong demand of the people. Although the BG route upto Madras will be somewhat longer, it is not likely to take more time.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) After considering the relative economy and all other aspects it has been decided to proceed with the straight gauge concervision of Madurai-Maniyachchi line.

Import of locomotives

631. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways are considering a proposal for import of 500 locomotives during the Eighth Plan Period;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the demand has been rejected by a Committee of Secretaries on account of severe foreign exchange constraints; and

(c) if so, what are the steps being taken to augment the Railways rolling stock during the Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Production capacity is being stepped up.

"Palace on Wheels" Project for Karnataka

632. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Karnataka Government has represented for starting of 'PALACE ON WHEELS' in that state with a view to promote tourism; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Karnataka have proposed to run a 'Palace on